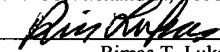


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Dear Examiner:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005. Accordingly, this amendment together with a Request for Continued Examination is timely submitted.